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Currently, in Los Angeles County there are over 25,000 children and youth involved in foster care. Each of these children need and deserve safe permanent connections to loving adults, a stable home and adequate preparation for a secure future. It is also so critical that we strive to support at risk children and families and prevent their entry into the foster care system to begin with. There are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to ensure that the needs of these children are met, that help provide foster and former foster children and youth with vital connections to their siblings, and that help launch young people into successful adulthood. They work tirelessly to advocate on behalf of children and families in foster care, and their efforts should be recognized and honored.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE,** that May 2009 be declared Foster Care Awareness Month here in Los Angeles County, and encourage all County residents to learn more about and understand the challenges facing children in foster care.

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